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HARDING
U N I V E R S I T Y

Impact welcomes freshmen to campus



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Freshman Daniel Reese strikes a pose in the middle of a group of freshmen and energy group leaders during Impact activities the weekend before school began. This year, the theme for Impact was "Out of This World." More than 900 freshmen and transfers and 150 returning students participated in Impact activities.

McLarty shares goals for HU, quirks of personality

FAVORITES

Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"
Musical artist: Alison Krauss
Food: Dry ribs
Place to visit: My parents' house in Cookeville, Tenn.
Sonic drink: Cherry Limeade
Building on campus: The Administration building

by Lyndsey Ruble Nuckols
editor-in-chief

Q: Talk about the transition between you and Dr. David Burks.

A: I have the greatest of respect for Dr. Burks, and I have the greatest of respect for what he did here. My agenda is not to turn things upside down here. There will be a high amount of continuity, but I am not Dr. Burks. I don't know that there is a conscious strategy other than I am very respectful of him, and I want him to be honored and I want people to know that about me.

Q: How can the student body help with your goals for the presidency?

A: I think probably the biggest thing is just to be open. I love walking down the sidewalk, talking to students, and I love finding out from their perspective what's working and what's not. ... Having a steady input from students is what I really need. I hope students will just walk up to me and start talking to me, just engage me in conversation. So, don't be intimidated by the title, come in and talk to the man.

Want to read more about President McLarty? Check out the next few issues of the Bison for more of the Q&A.

Does HU need campus police?

Public Safety plans for future, updates security measures

by Alexis Hosticka
news editor

After making several security improvements around campus in the last year, Harding's Public Safety is now investigating the possibility of having police on campus.

Currently, the university employs 10 armed security guards and will install another during this school year. As a result of this new armed security guard, Director of Public Safety Craig Russell said Harding will be very close to having two armed guards on duty every shift.

There are, however, no police on campus. The opportunity for Harding to employ police officers on campus is due to legislation that passed in the spring and went into effect on Aug. 16. The legislation merely permits private universities to have their own police forces.

The administration has not come to any conclusions regarding this possibility. According to Russell, one of the key differences if Harding were to make use of this opportunity would be the training.

"Police academy training is 12 to 13 weeks long, and access to that would be an enormous benefit to our department," Russell said.

However, according to

Russell, there is no rush to implement anything new just yet. The cost of adding a police force to campus has not yet been determined, and according to Russell, they are still some time away from being able to present an official proposition to Harding president Bruce McLarty.

Over the past year, Harding has made several updates in its security and safety measures, including new and updated security cameras and additional crosswalks and stop signs.

"With the new brick crosswalks and stop signs, one thing of concern to us was keeping foot traffic safe," Russell said. "We had lots of people involved in that discussion because we have to coordinate it with the city because they are city streets."

In the last year, Public Safety has put security cameras in all of the new buildings as well as replacing outdated cameras in the GAC and Harding Academy.

"Technology has just changed," Russell said. "The HD cameras didn't exist or were too expensive when we first began using security cameras. Now the cost has come down as well as the cameras becoming a lot better, a lot higher quality."

LOANS, RISING TUITION COSTS CATCH NATIONAL FOCUS

On Aug. 9, President Barack Obama signed into law a change for federal education loans, which, according to Obama, will help lower interest rates for student loans.

INTEREST RATES FOR SUBSIDIZED AND UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS ARE

3.86%

COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S

6.8%

THERE IS BETWEEN
\$902 BILLION
AND \$1 TRILLION
IN STUDENT LOAN DEBT IN THE U.S.

60% OF AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENTS BORROW MONEY ANNUALLY IN ORDER TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

IN 2011, HARDING TUITION WAS

\$472 PER HOUR

2011-2012

2013-2014

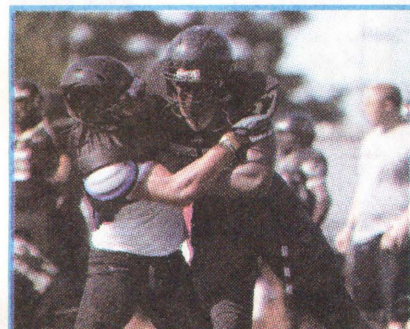
THE CURRENT COST IS

\$523 PER HOUR

A FIFTY-ONE DOLLAR RISE IN ONLY TWO YEARS.

STORY BY HAZEL HALLIBURTON
AND JULIE ANNE WHITE
GRAPHIC BY TYLER CARMICAL

WANT TO SEE HOW THE FACTS CONNECT TO HU STUDENTS AND STUDENT LOANS? CHECK OUT THE FULL STORY ON THELINK.HARDING.EDU



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More improvements, construction planned

by Henry Gonzalez
photographer

As enrollment increases, the Harding administration has made important decisions in order to have appropriate facilities to accommodate students and staff.

During this year several construction projects have taken place and some buildings have been remodeled.

As students returned from summer break, many construction and campus improvement projects were still taking place. These projects were planned to be ready before students arrived. However, many of them are now wrapping up.

"It was quite a push the last three weeks to get it done because I think we had 12 or 15 inches of rain in the middle of July to the first week of August. And we never had rain like that at this time of the year," said Danny DeRamus, director of the physical resources department. "Those seven days that we missed really hurt us big time, especially on the outside, parking lots and that kind of thing."

According to DeRamus, the construction of the new facility to house the nursing and the communication science and disorders programs was completed during the first week of classes.

The new apartments at Legacy Park are almost completed. A few minor details are still missing inside the apartments, but the efforts are now focusing on landscaping and sidewalks.

"I'll love it when it's all finished," said Rachel Swindle, Legacy residence life coordinator. "Most people are trying to be really patient, and you know the students and the people who live over here know that it will be very nice when it's done."

On the men's side, Allen dorm had some remodeling done over the summer. The remodeling included bathrooms and a new floor in the lobby, with more work being planned for over Christmas break.

There has also been extensive progress on the new women's softball field which is located next to the baseball field. The team will

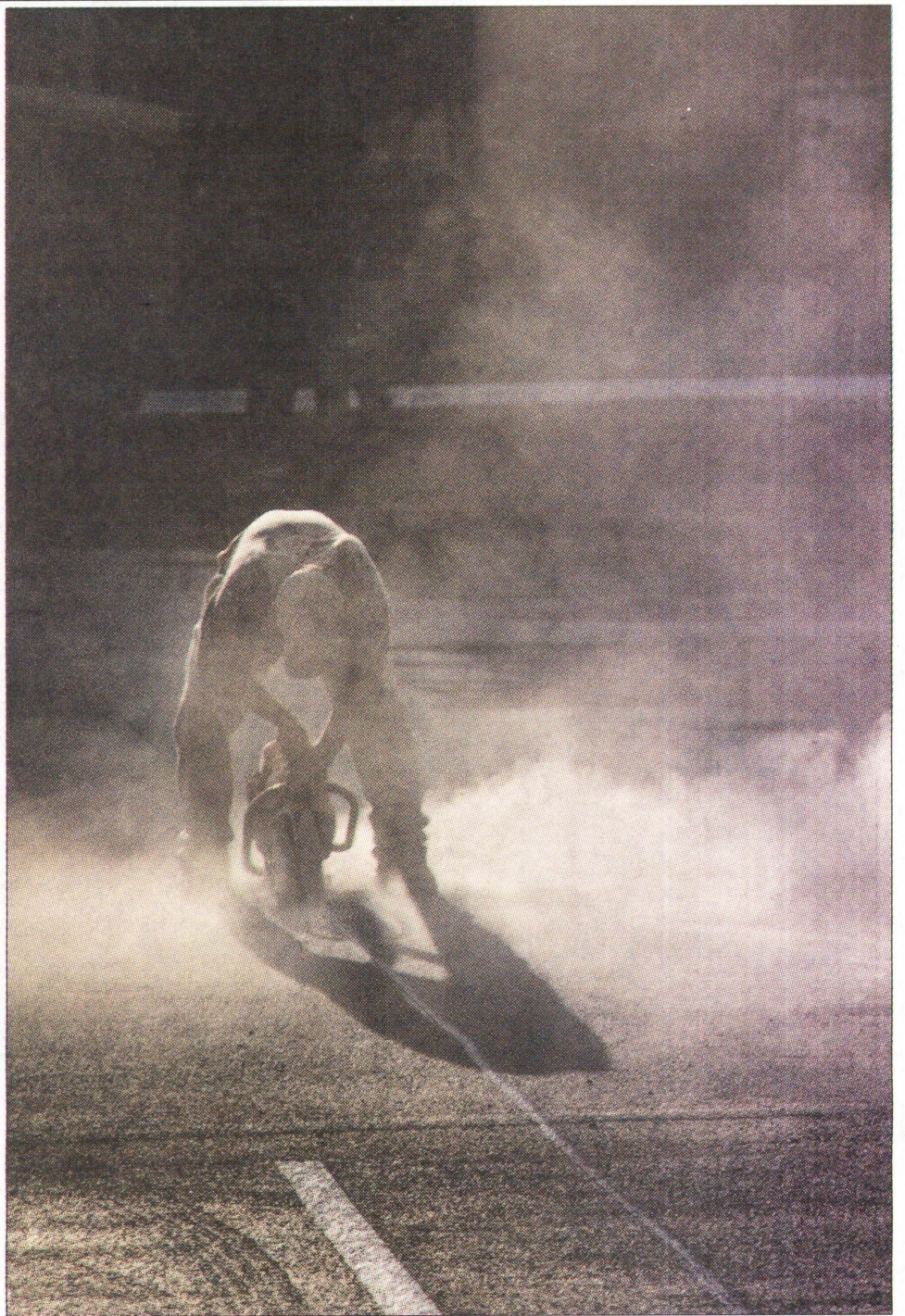
begin playing games on the field in about a month.

One project that is taking place off-campus is the remodeling of an anatomy laboratory at the Physical Therapy building. According to DeRamus this is one of his team's priorities. It is expected to be finished by Sept. 1.

While all of these construction projects are being executed and successfully completed, the physical resources department is also conducting an evaluation of the adjustments that are needed at the Pryor-England Science Building. These changes should begin in October.

DeRamus, a Harding alumnus and staff member for 30 years said that the construction projects have gradually increased throughout the years. As work continues around campus, the administration demonstrates commitment to provide quality facilities.

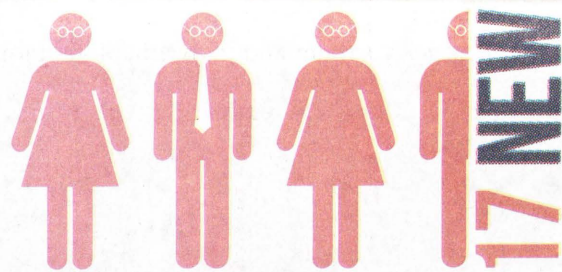
The completion of these projects will ensure the continued advancement of Harding University's mission.



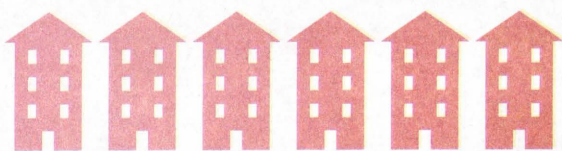
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A construction worker makes finishing touches on the parking lot at the new Carr College of Nursing and Communication Sciences and Disorders building on Aug. 21.

NEW HU DEVELOPMENT BY THE NUMBERS



FACULTY MEMBERS

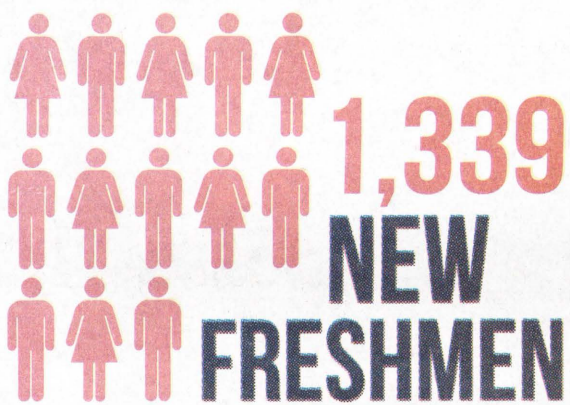


92 TOTAL
APARTMENTS
IN LEGACY PARK



STUDENTS
FROM ALL
50
STATES

& 47 DIFFERENT
INTERNATIONAL
LOCATIONS



1,339
NEW
FRESHMEN



200
NEW PARKING SPOTS

info by Bethany Aspey

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Egypt's effect on US, study abroad

by Bradley Cain
beat reporter

On July 1, Egyptian Armed Forces issued a 48-hour ultimatum to the country's politicians. Mohamed Morsi, Egypt's first democratically-elected president, rejected the ultimatum, despite most of his cabinet resigning.

His rejection led to military action and a number of riots. Morsi resigned as president on July 3, after vowing to stay in office the day before. Anti-Morsi protesters celebrated with fireworks while supporters of the ousted Morsi filled the streets as a sign of solidarity and perseverance.

As a lead member of the Muslim Brotherhood — a Sunni Islamist, religious, political and social movement — Morsi has many supporters despite his removal from office. Since Morsi's resignation, the army has suspended the nation's constitution and the Muslim Brotherhood has pushed back against military authority by organizing sit-ins and riots. On Aug. 14, security forces cleared two pro-Morsi protest camps in the capital city of Cairo, leaving at least 235 dead, including 43 police, and 2,000 wounded, according to an article on reuters.com.

Mike James, director of Harding University Greece, cancelled the group's trip to Egypt during the fall semester. He has been in correspondence with Khaled Osman, the group's tour guide

and an Egyptian citizen, who shared his perspective on the matter.

"It appears that Morsi's removal was in the best interest of the Egyptian people," James said. "The Muslim Brotherhood was making sweeping Islamic changes that were destructive to a secular democracy."

President Barack Obama cancelled the United States' participation in Operation Bright Star, a series of joint training exercises in Egypt led by American and Egyptian military forces. Born out of the Camp David Accords of 1978, Operation Bright Star is designed to strengthen ties between the two militaries. Additionally, the U.S. aids Egyptian Armed Forces \$1.3 billion in annual military assistance in exchange for access to the Suez Canal, according to an article on reuters.com.

Mark Elrod, professor of political science, has been teaching international relations and courses concerning American foreign policy at Harding since 1987. He said that the decision to back out of the operation is "symbolic more than anything."

"Egypt has no serious external threats to its security, and the cancellation had to be something that was anticipated by the military before they seized power," Elrod said.

Additionally, U.S. efforts have been criticized as minimal and ineffective. Some critics offer that the U.S. should suspend the annual \$1.3 billion in

military aid to Egypt.

"The cancellation of foreign aid is more significant because it's the nuclear option," Elrod said. "It can only be done once and if the U.S. ends military assistance, it removes the one remaining leverage the U.S. has on the generals."

Mounting pressure to act on international diplomacy and a historically controversial presence in the Middle East have proven difficult tasks in the decision-making process for a post-Afghanistan, post-Iraq United States. Elrod suggests that the U.S. is temporarily out of the "intervention business" in the Middle East unless "vital security interests such as oil coming out of the Persian Gulf, closing of the Suez Canal or an act of aggression against Israel are threatened."

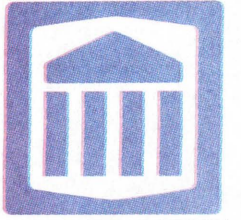
"All of this demonstrates how messy the business of establishing pluralist democracy in regions of the world that have never experienced it can be," Elrod said. "In the case of Egypt, the military removed a democratically-elected government after it proved to be a threat to their position in Egyptian society. In democracies, the military does not play that kind of political role. It's unfortunate that the United States has played a role in increasing the prestige of the Egyptian military since 1978 and we are now seeing the result of making it the most powerful institution in that country."

Green River Ordinance



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Lead singer of Green River Ordinance Josh Jenkins performs on the front lawn following Four West during CAB's "First Week Free" on Aug. 20.



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At the Bison, it is our goal to serve the Harding University student body with integrity, truth and open ears. However, we believe that meeting that goal is a two-way street between our staff and the public it serves.

We pledge to keep our eyes and ears open to what our community has to say and hope that, in return, that community will be an interactive audience, sharing its stories with us. We also pledge to do the basics: report accurate and relevant information, check our facts, and share them in a professional, timely manner.

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The Harding Squirrels
have started early on
their plan to obtain
the precious chicken
biscuits.

(glowing, rabid
squirrel
eyes)



Faith or Fiction?



rebecca yoon
guest
writer

Are we a Christian school just because we conform to Christian norms? Or are we genuinely Christian? Going to chapel and taking Bible classes could be considered "rules" of religious schools. However, living in a Christian environment will not necessarily convert us spiritually.

I recently talked to some Harding graduates who have stayed faithful and some who have not. A truly Christian school does not only deal with external rules and requirements, but also with inner spiritual change. These students who did not stay faithful had something missing from their spiritual lives.

Two years ago, I took New Testament Bible to fulfill a Harding requirement. I noticed that one of my good friends always stayed after class because he had questions about Scriptures. Although he seemed to know more about

the Bible than I did, he had many questions. This confused me. I would think, "All of our lecture notes are on Pipeline. What kind of questions could he have?" But after watching my friend, I realized that I treated Bible class solely as a class I had to take to graduate. To me, Bible class was two credit hours that could hurt my GPA if I did not get an "A." However, witnessing my friend's desire to know more about God, I realized Bible class is not just another class. It was the class where I learned about God. It was where God brought me closer to him in order to understand his will. Now, instead of only studying lecture notes, I read the Bible more closely, ask questions like my friend did, and study the Scriptures diligently with my Bible professors.

I recently experienced another situation that helped me grow spiritually. One Sunday afternoon, a friend and I met someone who was a fellow Christian. During our conversation, he mentioned how he could not find a job, afford food or afford shoes. While I was thinking about how I could help him, my friend saw

the urgency and took action. He asked the man what size shoes he wore, and then he took off his own shoes and put them on the man's feet. My friend's humble action reminded me of 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." Through my friend's actions, God reminded me that love is an action verb.

These two students blessed me by showing me how to deepen my relationship with God and put my beliefs into action. However, not all students live this way. Many students at Harding assume that attending a Christian university will maintain their strong faith because they are immersed in a Christian environment. Some of these students fall away when they graduate, due to the surface-level faith that results from this assumption. My hope is that in the future, all students will learn to have a faith like that of my two friends. Their faith is the kind of faith that lasts through all trials.

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Limited Government: The Cure for a Failing Economy



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Kentucky republican Sen. Rand Paul recently spoke to students of Howard University and told them that he wanted a government that left Americans alone. Later, during a question and answer session, a student commented that he didn't want the government to leave him alone. Instead, he wanted the government to help him and do things for him. The student had bought into the idea that big government could solve his problems without creating any. He had bought into one of the great myths about liberalism.

We all have heard that "there ain't no such thing as a free lunch." This is true. In order for government to give something, it must first acquire that thing it is going to give. Government does not create anything other than regulation and government

employees. Yet, who pays for all of regulations? Who pays these employees' salaries? Not government.

Many of the laws recently passed are well known to us. The Affordable Care Act or "Obamacare," and laws regarding student loans are examples. These laws all have something in common. In order for them to work by giving citizens something, there must also be a taking from other citizens. Otherwise, how would government pay for them? This generally is a zero sum game. If one wants to put a certain something in their left hand, that person must first find and get that something from somewhere else. So, in order to supply the left hand, one must diminish another supply elsewhere.

Government cannot afford to lower student loan interest rates without funding that program. So how does government pay for it? One way would be to raise taxes. Herein lies the rub. When the government raises taxes, businesses necessarily see a reduction in their profitability.

You might say "so what?" Well, where will these businesses then find the money to expand and increase employment? Many of them cannot. This is one of the main reasons America cannot increase employment in any meaningful way. In other words, there really is no such thing as a free lunch.

One who thinks as a conservative believes that it is better to leave individuals and businesses alone. Take away much of the redundant regulation and let America breathe.

Man is acquisitive. We all would like to acquire more for ourselves. In America, the better way to accomplish this goal is to leave the individual and the business alone. Lower taxes, get government out of the way and watch the investment in labor and manufacturing soar. Paul had it right. The best way for the government to help us is by leaving us alone. After all, there really isn't such a thing as a free lunch.

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bethany aspey

Needless to
say...

Choose Your Stupid Wisely

And we're back. It's been a summer full of N'SYNC reunions, enough Blurred Lines to last a lifetime, babies being named North West and George (somewhat equal in crime) and Detroit is going bankrupt. Congratulations. You're all caught up if you've been living in a cave, or like me, in a remote town in the middle of nowhere. Clearly it has been fun for all.

That being said, there's been a surplus of a little something I'll call "Summer Stupid Syndrome." It's when all intelligence and responsibility pour out of your brain because you aren't in school and your brain is simply trying to prove it. You set your alarm in hopes of waking up at a reasonable hour, you sign up for a gym membership, and then you remember how ridiculous all those aspirations were and continue to enjoy a lazy summer.

Now that we're back in school, we know that intelligence and responsibility are expected in a moderate capacity, but there will be exceptions. So I urge you — choose your stupid wisely. Whether that means you plan to skip chapel for 15 days in a row and need to plan accordingly, or whether that means joining a group of people that will encourage you to dress up with them and look ridiculous a lot of the time (club week) — you're going to look stupid, so be smart about it. Which brings me to my next point, looking stupid and being stupid are totally different things. Being stupid happens — sometimes you plan your schedule without lunch breaks. Sometimes you convince your teacher to let you into the advanced level of Spanish when you only know a few key words. Then before you know it, the unfortunate similarities of the Spanish words "butter" and "make-up" leads you to a place where you're standing in front of the class calmly explaining how in the morning you brush your hair and put butter on your face. Slightly embarrassing, but it rid me of my fear of class presentations because I knew I could do no worse.

Sometimes, you're going to look stupid, but you risk it. Ray Bradbury once said that risk is simply jumping off a cliff and building your wings on the way down. It may seem stupid to jump off a cliff (after all, your mother warned you about this regarding following your friends' pursuits) but sometimes it's just worth it.

And I don't mean getting into trouble, disregarding rules or being a general burden to society, I just mean putting your self out there. Whether it's your first year or your last year of Harding — make the most of it. Audition for stuff, join a club, meet new people. It may feel like you look stupid, and really, you do — but take it in stride.

People learn from these kinds of experiences, and more importantly, they grow.

So, I guess my final question is if all of your friends jump off a cliff, are you going to also?

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The Lightbulb

Learn the Art of Innovation

Your knowledge is inadequate. Your data, your facts, your little tidbits of information are all becoming obsolete. If I can Google something and find an answer, I don't care that you have a slower and more biased answer. And neither will your future employer.

The vast database of information on the Internet as well as the increasing relevance and usefulness of artificial intelligence is really beginning to put a lot of pressure on us mere mortals. How can we compete with technology? How can we differentiate ourselves as valuable contributors to the marketplace? What do we, as humans, offer in a world where most of the answers are a Google search away?

Before you smack your head into table in front of you, or (worse), rip this newspaper to shreds, let me offer a resolution. In fact, let me introduce you to an entire series dedicated to helping you game the system.

This column is all about ideas. Ideas, I think, are our competitive advantage. That means we need to be brilliant creators and innovators. We need imagination and vision and fearless ambition. My goal is to be a medium for those traits, and if you are serious about being a valuable asset to a future business or employer, you should be aiming for that goal too. Whether it is sharing inspirational innovations elsewhere or telling you exactly how you can maximize your own creative juices, I'll be here all year to give you the kick you need to become irreplaceable, pioneering and modern.

So, what can you begin doing right this second? Well, the good news is that you are in college and, therefore, in the midst of a gold mine of potential. You have access to thousands of peers and professionals in hundreds of different fields of study, so take advantage of it.

In Steven Johnson's book "Where Good Ideas Come From," Johnson describes how our brains work in networks. Basically, a new idea pops in your head when a brand new set of neurons comes together for the first time. So, how can we cause that to happen more often? Expose yourself to the kinds of environments that will expose you to new thoughts and philosophies of thought. Having more information stored in your noggin makes it more likely that your brain will connect those threads of thought to provide a light bulb moment.

So pay attention in those "gen-ed" classes, ask your friends and professors to tell you about the subjects they are passionate about, find ways to apply new information to your field of study. Keep a journal or blog with your thoughts, and keep track of the overlaps of information that are sure to happen; don't let that light bulb go to waste. Surround yourself with different people with different ideas, develop eclectic hobbies and interests, read articles and books and re-read your old journals and blog posts.

Find one thing, or one million things, that you are passionate about and give yourself time to develop both an understanding and a hunger. Google has a program called "20-percent time" that requires employees to spend 20 percent of their time on the job working on a personal project. Sometimes ideas fizzle out, sometimes they lead to different ideas and sometimes Gmail is born.

So maybe your knowledge is not quite as inadequate as we originally thought. But the future requires that you know how to use that knowledge. And using it means letting it crash and burn, bump and collide, recycle and recreate, and — finally, after gnawing at you for months or years — illuminate and innovate.

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It's Great to be at Home

corbett hall

guest writer



After an entire year of trying to divine its headwaters, I still have yet to locate the legendary fountain of camaraderie which fills campus with joy and friendship. Maybe the secret lies within the chicken biscuits from the stu. Perhaps Midnight Oil pours a little drop into each cup. No, it must be the experience of walking out of the Heritage and hearing your name called out by at least 20 different people on the front lawn.

Let's refer to this elusive friendship force by the term "H Factor." It begins predictably enough:

"So, how was your summer?"

"Oh, I worked a little and chillaxed with friends and family. You?"

"It wasn't too exciting; I just did an internship."

My suitemate and I were catching up on our summer experiences. Obviously, we had riveting firsthand accounts that we couldn't wait to share. Nothing exciting seems threatening on the horizon, but at this precise moment the "H Factor" strikes.

"Are you ready for organic this year?"

"Yeah, I can't wait. Do you know how long I've been wanting to get my hands on a spectrometer and start setting up my own lab apparatuses? Monday can't come soon enough."

"I know, right? Just being free to work semi-independently in a lab — it sounds so exciting! My friends all think I'm crazy though, to be studying as much chemistry as I am."

"I completely understand. I just open my mouth to start explaining chemistry topics, and my friends' eyes automatically glass over. Oh well. I have a great Bible class this year too..."

Harding University — the one place in the world where you can go from a detailed discussion of stoichiometry to a detailed contrast between Arminianism and Calvinism. Not that my friends have been known to debate gun control and abortion while studying for a test in the chemistry office and quoting Shakespearean soliloquies. The conversations we have are not only intellectually stimulating, but also personally challenging. When my admissions counselor told me that I would form my best friends while here at college, I couldn't begin to see how. However, two semesters of the most difficult and rewarding experiences imaginable have taught me differently. Late night Skype calls, chats at Starbucks and random conversations before and after Bible class — these remain as some of the most precious memories I will ever experience. I find myself telling stories more often now, simply because I have more adventures worth sharing.

I was walking through the McInteer rotunda the Sunday before classes started. No one was around, besides someone studying in a nook on the third floor. It was an eerie experience, not only because the rotunda has some intimidating pictures along the balconies, but also because an entire new class of Harding students were about to experience that Harding Bible building rush for the first time tomorrow. This phenomenon also defies explanation, but it is somewhat of a cross between rush-hour traffic

Memphis and the adrenaline rush of plunging 30 feet down over the cliffs at Heber Springs. Walking down that sacred stairwell, calling out to friends traipsing across Africa and South America, sipping the last few drops from a caramel Javalanche, all while attempting to maintain hand contact with the rail and eye contact with your classmates. Bible was my last class on Friday, and I always ended up making my weekend plans while descending the stairs for the final time that week. So many ideas collide at this point, and maybe this is the best example of what the "H Factor" can do.

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My friends back home may never understand why I chose to come study at an institution 12 hours away in the middle of Arkansas. That's OK; I didn't really understand myself when I enrolled here. But I guarantee that a campus visit would greatly change their perception of this place. Maybe it's the chicken biscuits, or perhaps it's the secret ingredient at Midnight Oil. I may never be able to pen its description in a dictionary, but I should be used to that by now. My first class at Harding was on the definition of quality; we spent four months looking for an answer and eventually concluded that we would never find it. Or we would go insane first.

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CLASSIC CLAX

Cash for the 'Stache



michael claxton

Here is the latest news item from the Associated Press: It seems that a man named John Yeutter, a professor of tax policy, and representative of the American Mustache Institute, has made a radical proposal on behalf of all taxpayers. He is calling for a \$250 tax break for all Americans with mustaches. His airtight argument is that the mustache sector adds significantly to the nation's GDP, since a 2009 study has shown that men with mustaches make 4.3 percent more than their shorn colleagues.

Claiming that the stimulus money would be a "disincentive for the clean-shaven to enjoy the mustached lifestyle," Yeutter has made the obligatory rounds of the morning shows, sporting facial hair that would have made Chester A. Arthur proud. As a result he has gotten his 12 minutes of fame, which is all he can expect in this economy.

This is, of course, what the late Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin once defined as the pseudo-event, a meaningless moment staged for the sake of staging something. Like the MTV Video Music Awards. It is how news is now created in America. Yeutter spends years grooming a huge mustache, comes up with a catchy tax-season headline, which is then picked up by news organizations

which not only have 24 hours per day of airtime to fill, but must also pack the Internet with quirky stories for people to thread comments on. The event is taken seriously by no one, except for humor columnists who waited until the night before a deadline to find a topic.

And yet, as much as we all know that this stunt is the mustache-publicity-seeker's version of "Pants on the Ground," we roll with it.

The \$250 tax break for mustaches is a national disgrace. This is how all entitlement programs start in this country — with a seemingly harmless benefit snuck into a piece of legislation in order to get some unshaven senator to vote for it. Before you know it, the tax incentive creeps slowly upward to keep pace with inflation and the spiraling length of Daliesque facial hair. Sooner or later, bearded Americans insist upon getting some of this ball of wax, including those poor 45-year-old men who view goatees as a less expensive mid-life crisis than a Bugatti. Can I get 50 bucks for a soul patch?

Considering the fact that no United States president has dared to sport even the slightest hint of stubble since William Howard Taft, clearly it is an insult to the executive branch to penalize the clean-shaven. And during a recession, can we really afford to raise taxes on the bare-lipped Americans who are the backbone of this country?

Please understand that I am speaking out against my own interests. I have worn a mustache continuously for 21 years (Except for one week in 1996 after an "incident" with an electric

razor, in which I learned that it is unwise to sneeze. And even less wise to overcorrect. Trust me, the Charlie Chaplin look is not flattering). At any rate, though I stand to benefit significantly from this tax break, I cannot in good conscience support an incentive that is not available to all good men and women.

So whether you have a pencil line, a soup stainer, an imperial, an English, a handlebar, a Pancho Villa, a walrus, a toothbrush, a horseshoe, a chevron or a Fu Manchu; whether you like it straight, curled, tapered, spiked, parted, sparse, bushy, groomed or freestyle, the gravitas and lip appeal it brings should be reward enough.

The legend is that Groucho Marx was once late for a vaudeville performance with his famous brothers and did not have time to apply the false mustache he usually wore onstage. So he dipped his finger in some black greasepaint and wiped it across his upper lip. The look stuck, and Groucho sported the smudge for the rest of his career.

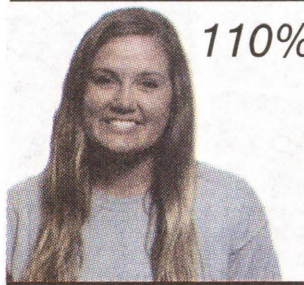
But if this tax for the mustachioed passes, I do not even want to think about the fraud that will follow. IRS investigators will be swamped with disguised claimants — Frank Zappa lookalikes who demand \$250 for something they did not earn with blood, sweat and Miracle Gro. I'm tempted to shave in protest.

Dr. Michael Claxton is on sabbatical this semester. This column originally ran in the Bison on April 23, 2010.

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Alex Ezell

110%



Sports in the spotlight

Collegiate and professional athletes have more than enough on their plates. They juggle practice, workouts, families, school, friends and most importantly, games. Athletes stand in the spotlight on and off the field. How they handle themselves determines if the spotlight will make or break them.

Recently, Johnny "Football" Manziel and Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez have made headlines for their behavior off the field that have interfered with their performance on the field. The media have scrutinized these players for their mistakes dealing with drugs and rule breaking.

Manziel, Texas A&M sophomore quarterback, had been under the watchful eye of fans and media after winning the Heisman trophy his freshman year. After acting out repeatedly this summer, Manziel has been suspended for the first half of the Aggies' season opener.

I believe Manziel made poor decisions that led him into the wrong spotlight. The NCAA has a rule that states a player may not sign autographs for profit. There was no evidence found against Manziel, but the NCAA and Texas A&M agreed to a half game suspension.

Rodriguez has been suspended for the remainder of the Major League Baseball season as well as the 2014 season.

After years of being in the spotlight, Rodriguez was caught for something that will taint his entire career: performance enhancing drugs. These have been an issue in the sports world for decades. Rodriguez abused drugs that altered his play on the field and has damaged his image off the field.

I realize a person will make mistakes. It is upsetting to see players with platforms that could be used for good fall under the pressures surrounding them.

Tim Tebow knows how to influence others just by his actions. Say what you will about him, but he knows how to shine in his spotlight. That is what a true role model exemplifies, leading by example on and off the field.

Athletes are surrounded by intense situations that can lead to positive or negative reactions. If athletes like Manziel and Rodriguez can learn to lead by example, we can leave all of the media drama for bad calls from referees.

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Expectations mount for football

by Shane Schock
beat reporter

It's that time of year again, when all the Bison football players have finished fall camp and are looking forward to the regular season.

The Bisons finished in the top half of their division in 2012, and expectations are only rising for head football coach Ronnie Huckeba's offense.

The Bisons switched to the triple option offense in 2010, bringing coach Kenny Wheaton, triple option specialist, along to help with the transition.

"Our expectations have risen with it now being our fourth year running the triple option," Huckeba said. "I think our experience gives us an advantage to play sound fundamental football."

The Bisons' new starting quarterback senior Keenan Kellett has practiced this offense since his freshman year back in 2010.

"This is Keenan's seventh semester now running the triple," Huckeba said. "We're confident he can make the reads necessary to be successful."

Huckeba said Kellett is the best all around triple option quarterback they have seen over the last four years, and has the opportunity to go out as one of the best to have played quarterback for the Bisons.

Senior wide receiver Alex Finley said this offense has greatly improved since his freshman year.

"This offense requires detailed techniques for various assignments throughout a given game," Finley said. "It takes some in-game experience to really get the feel for what you're doing out there on the field."

Huckeba said that although the

team looks very new on paper, they substitute many players into one ball game and retained many of their players on defense.

Huckeba said transfer junior Devon Carter among others will play a key role in this year's defense.

The Bisons still have veteran leadership on the defensive side of the ball. Senior linebacker Erik Ragsdale is one of those veterans on the Bisons' defense.

Ragsdale said he is looking forward to making the most out of his last year playing for the Bisons.

"My expectations are to be a leader on and off the field," Ragsdale said. "I want to be an accountable teammate that plays every down like it's my last."

According to Huckeba, the Bisons have a good depth at key positions this year.

"We have good depth on defense followed with great detail, which carries over to the success of our special teams," Huckeba said.

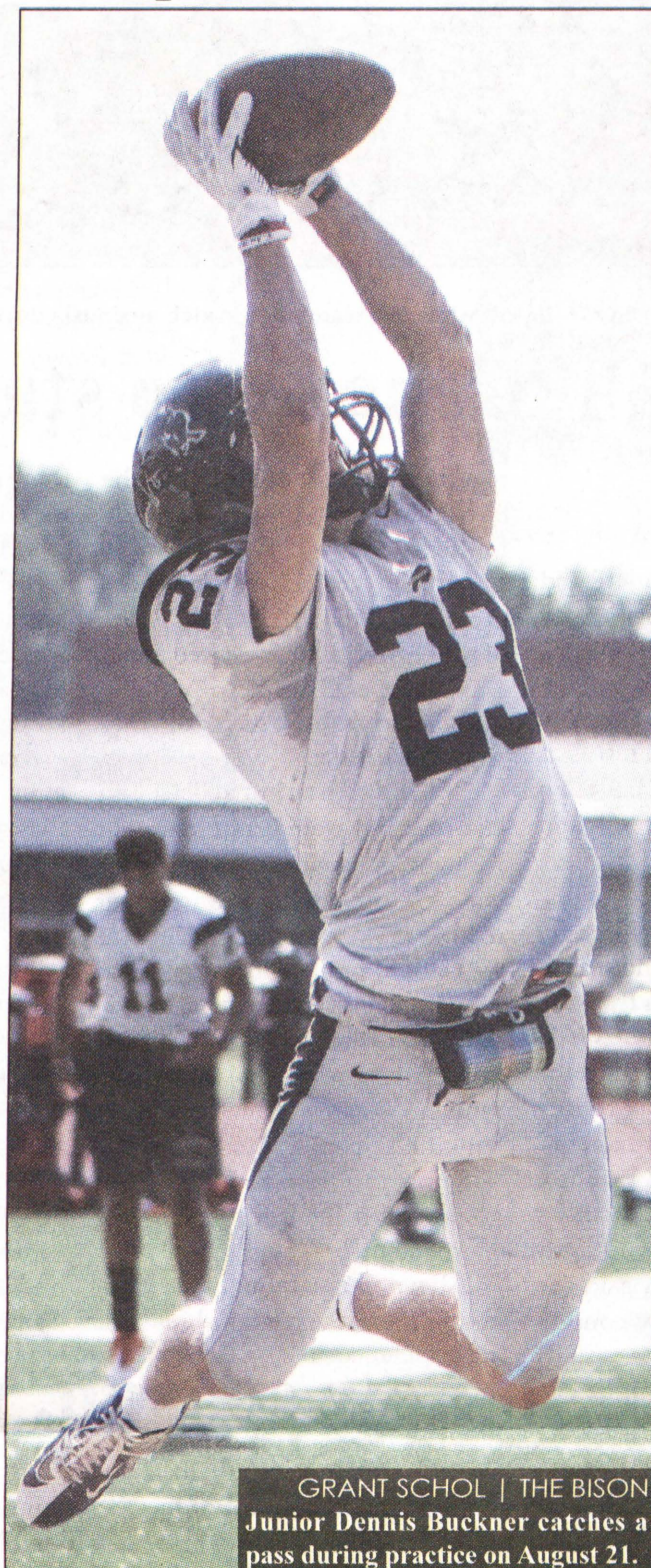
The Bisons finished 9-2 last year, tying the 1992 team for best record since 1972.

The preseason GAC poll rankings has Harding finishing third behind Henderson State University and Southern Arkansas University. SAU was the team Harding beat last year on a last second field goal by junior John Gay.

The rankings are not really on the minds of the coaching staff at Harding.

"I don't really pay much attention to those rankings," Huckeba said. "They're based on who is coming back for what team, rather than the depth of a team."

The Bisons end fall camp and start preparing for week one against Southwest Oklahoma State University on Sept. 5 in Weatherford, Okla.



GRANT SCHOL | THE BISON
Junior Dennis Buckner catches a pass during practice on August 21.

Soccer hopes to make their mark

by Charlie Briggs
class writer

Harding University soccer programs opened their new soccer facilities in the spring, and have now turned their focus to the new soccer field that the teams will play on starting this fall. Women's head coach Greg Harris and men's head coach Odie Guzman said they anticipate a good season on the new home turf.

"This surface is going to be nice, easy and flat so now we can play how we want to play," Guzman said. "The field was bumpy and overused. We are ready to get out there and play our possession type game and win games."

The coaches said they have been looking forward to this season because of how close these players are to each other and the talent they bring.

"This is the most family oriented group of young ladies I have ever had," Harris said. "We are the epitome of a family; these girls do everything together from eating to praying."

Seniors midfielder Ashley Martin and forward Jenna Taylor said they have built strong bonds on and off the field with all the girls.

"We have grown up together through the pro-

gram," Taylor said. "Our team more than earlier years, has put more of an emphasis on including everybody."

This is the most family oriented group of young ladies I have ever had.

- Greg Harris, women's head soccer coach

Senior goalie Will Lynn said the men's team is the best he has seen in a long time.

"The level of play at practice has made us a much better team," Lynn said. "We have 13 new players this year and they will add a great aspect to our team."

The team was picked fourth in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association preseason poll.

"I was surprised; I guess they realized we are ready to come back strong and get a playoff spot," Guzman said.

The women's soccer was also fifth in GAC preseason poll; however, Harris said he did not want the team to focus on what the polls said.

"We wanted to focus on us and our style of play," Harris said. "We have to play within ourselves and not worry about anyone else."

Lady Bison softball grows closer before fall opener

by Matt Chaffin
asst. sports editor

In just over a week, the Lady Bisons softball team will do something that has not been done in more than two decades at Harding: play an intercollegiate softball game. Coach Phil Berry and the team are preparing to rebuild the foundation of a winning program on campus.

"I really think (the players) have embraced the idea of starting this program and getting it off the ground," Berry said. "They bring a lot of excitement and energy to that process knowing that they get the chance to achieve all of the 'firsts.'"

Time has been a factor for the Lady Bisons, but some of the freshman have already come up with ways to help their bonding experiences.

"We had a lot of our

incoming freshmen come to our camps this summer so they had a chance to get to know each other through working the camps," Berry said. "All of our freshmen chose to live together this year, so they are all living together on one of the wings of Cathcart Hall."

When you have a new team come together, it is not all about the freshmen being able to form bonds. It is especially important for the upperclassmen to be able to form leadership roles for their team as well.

"I think we have bonded really well and quickly," junior infielder Kinsey Beck said. "We may not all know each other super well yet, but I think in no time we will be closer than anything."

Beck is from Huntsville, Ala., and grew up with the game of softball, but chose Harding despite the fact they

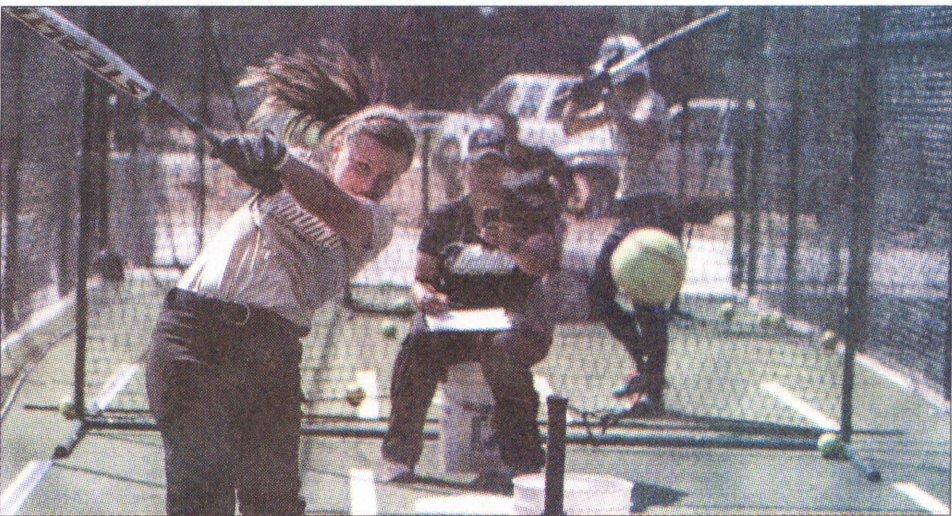
did not offer a softball team.

"I came to Harding knowing there was not a softball team," Beck said. "It was sad to stop playing but I knew Harding was the school for me. So when I heard we were getting a softball team I was so pumped and did not even have to think about trying out or not."

As for other softball players, like junior Jessica Greene, it was another sport that brought them to Harding. Greene came to Harding to play basketball, but when she heard Harding was starting a softball team she knew she wanted to join.

"It's not gonna be perfect because we don't already have a foundation, but we get to lay the foundation so that is pretty cool," Greene said.

Harding opens their softball season Sept. 7 in Durant, Okla.



GRANT SCHOL | THE BISON
Freshman Madison Wickline takes a swing during batting practice on Aug. 27.

Brian Petree

guest
space

Football time has arrived

It has pretty much turned into a national holiday. Last night marked the start of yet another season of football. What sets football apart from other sports during the off-season are the constant headlines. Take it a step further and you have personal connections with people based on the color of what they are wearing. Only in college football do you hear things like “Boomer,” “Roll Tide” and “Hook ‘Em” and bond with total strangers.

We now know the result of the drama that is Johnny Football. We know Nick Saban is going for his third straight national championship. We know people call Jadeveon Clowney a freak. If you didn't know these football headlines, you're reading the sports section by mistake.

This article is not about such national headlines, but a simple reminder of stories that may have flown under your summer radar.

First and foremost, the Bisons are not ranked. However, they are tech-

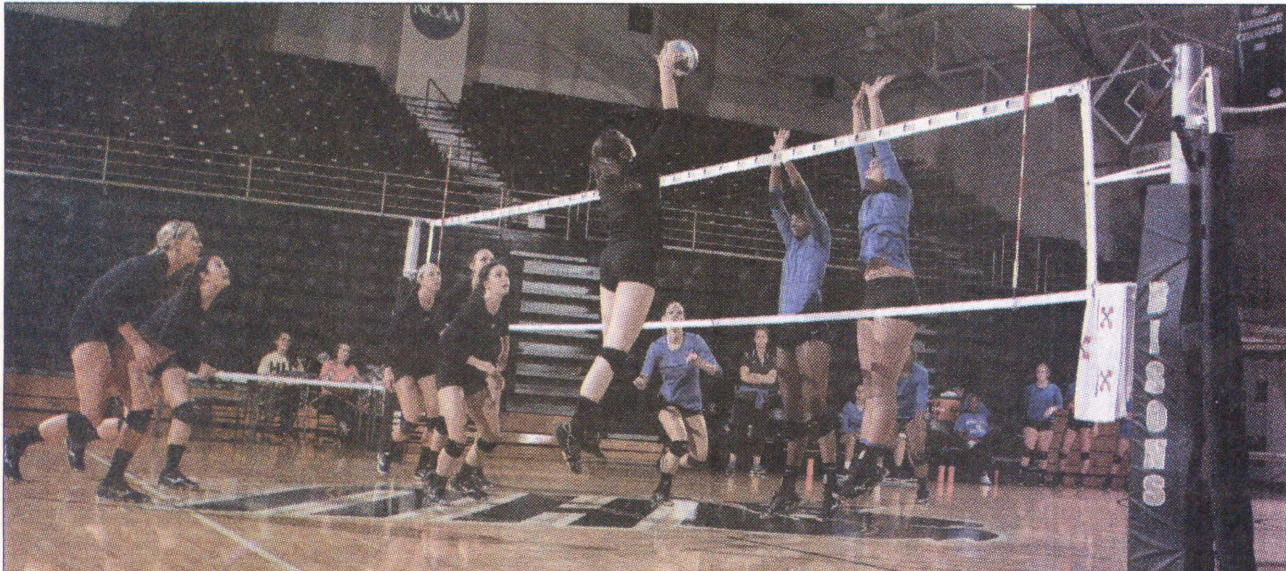
nically ranked No. 26. It is the highest preseason ranking in the school's 17 years in Division II. They climbed up to No. 12 at the end of the regular season, the team's highest ever rank, before falling to Northwest Missouri State in the playoffs, also a Harding first.

Also headlining this summer is Ty Powell. Powell was drafted by the Seattle Seahawks earlier this year and has survived the first round of roster cuts. Currently fourth on the Seahawks depth chart at the left defensive end spot, Powell has recorded eight tackles and one sack.

Finally, three players are on preseason All-America teams. Junior Romo Westbrook was first team All-Conference last year and finds a spot on the second team All-America squad. Secondly, senior kicker John Gay is on the third team All-America. Rounding out the three is senior center Dallan Hudson, an honorable mention nominee.

While this is the first week of college football, Harding will not play until next Thursday against Southwestern Oklahoma State.

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Junior Taryn Eubank goes in for the kill while her teammates watch anxiously during a scrimmage on Aug. 20.

Volleyball prepares to start strong

by Rachel Weiss
class writer

Returning from an undefeated Great American Conference season last year, the Harding Lady Bisons are back in swing and ready to take on this volleyball season. Recently picked first in the GAC Preseason Poll, the Lady Bison volleyball team has high hopes for this season and are determined to match last year's undefeated record.

Meredith Fear, a 2008 Harding graduate, begins her second season coaching the Lady Bisons this year. Fear said if they can win the GAC tournament again this year, then the Lady Bisons have the opportunity to go to the national tournament.

The volleyball team added three new freshmen and one new transfer student to make a total of 15 Lady Bisons this season. Fear said the team chemistry is really coming

together, and it is solid across the board, showing a promising future for the team.

Mollie Arnold, senior team captain and the 2012 GAC player of the year, said she is excited about what the team is capable of doing this season but understands the hard work it will take.

“We had such an incredible season last year and were very blessed by winning conference and being undefeated,” Arnold said. “We are going to have to work that much harder if we want to prove ourselves again.”

“The biggest challenge for us this year is to make each game the most important so as to help our national ranking,” junior setter Taryn Eubank said. “I am excited about the potential this team has this year to go far and make it to the national tournament.”

Above all else though, the Lady Bisons know the relationships built

along the way are the most important part of being on the team.

“My favorite thing about Harding volleyball is how close we are as a unit and how my team is truly people I care a lot about,” junior middle blocker Liv Savage said. “We are a family and it's a great feeling.”

Fear said their motto is modeled after “Christian, student, athlete,” in that order.

“Our priority is about spirituality, then academics, then athletics,” Fear said. “My favorite part of coaching is just being around the girls and forming relationships with them: having the charge of leading by example and being a mentor to them.”

The Lady Bisons have already had a scrimmage and will play their first exhibition game on Sept. 3 against Lyon College in Batesville, Ark.

Their first tournament is Sept. 6 and 7 against Cal Poly Pomona in San Bernardino, Calif.

Rugby team looks forward to new season, new field

by Megan Smith
class writer

Harding University's rugby club is not a recognized NCAA sport through the school, but the players of the club continue to have an optimistic outlook for their future as a team.

The rugby team is growing more and more each year and expecting a great turn out. Junior Hunter Beck, rugby president, expects the team to grow a great amount each year.

“Last year we had a lot of people show up so we are expecting a bigger turn out this year,” Beck said. “We talked to people who were interested and put something on Pipeline. We are growing as a Harding

feature. We have a lot more kids coming to campus and asking questions about us.”

Harding sports are supported by Harding with funds and advertising, but since rugby is a club, the support is up to the team.

Junior James Morgan said their advertising consists of mostly word of mouth.

“We have flyers,” Morgan said. “And most of it is through word of mouth, especially in the dorms. Beck talks with a lot of freshmen and sophomores in the dorms.”

Because the team will be playing against several secular universities, the team wants to promote rugby as a legitimate sport as well as a spiritual outreach.

“There is a lot of spiritual direction,”

Morgan said. “We want to encourage men of faith on the field because a lot of the men we run into on the field do not really know what a Christian is. It is a little bit of outreach. After games we always ask the other team if we can pray with them.”

After losing their previous playing field to build the new softball field on the Harding campus, the Harding rugby club has been in search of a new playing field. Talks with Harding administration have resulted in plans to begin building the new rugby field that is set to be completed next fall.

According to Beck, the team has played on the women's soccer field for the last several years, but when plans were made last fall for the school to build the new

softball stadium, the team had to begin searching for a new place to practice.

The players always find a place to practice. They do not have a set place where they are going to have their home games. They may have to travel to Little Rock for every home game on top of traveling for every away game. There is hope for a new field in the near future though.

“Harding actually approved a fund to build us our own field,” Beck said. “They will start building it, so that is great. But even then, it was supposed to be ready this fall but they redid some apartments and the softball field so now they are saying it won't be ready until next fall. We are definitely making progress.”

LOCKER TALK

Our Athletes' Views
on Pop Culture

questions

What should Dr. McLarty's word be?

Theme song to your summer?

Netflix or Hulu?

Who is your celebrity crush?

What is your biggest pet peeve?

Karli Blickenstaff
(Cheerleading)



I don't know.

"Acapella"
- Karmin.

Netflix.

Hugh Jackman.

Harding BisonS
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Lisa Copeland
(Volleyball)



"Indubitably."

"What's Up"
- 4 Non Blondes.

I don't watch
TV or movies.

Gerard Butler.

People who
interrupt others.

Dallon Hudson
(Football)



"Elements."

"Chillin It"
- Cole Swindell.

Netflix.

Jana Kramer.

Ask Sam Morris.

Jenna Taylor
(Soccer)



"Supercalifragilis-
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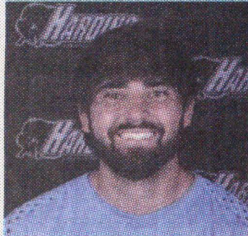
"Cruise"
- Florida
Georgia Line.

Redbox.

Jake Gyllenhaal.

PDA.

Will Lynn
(Soccer)



"Bazinga!"

"A Whole New
World"- Aladdin.

"Netllu."

Scarlett Johansson.

When females
say "dude" or "bro."



New assistant dean of students added to faculty

by **Tori Sheets**
class writer

Brandon Tittle, the new assistant dean of students, took over his new position on Aug. 1. Tittle, who is in charge of overseeing the residence hall program, specifically for men's dorms, will work closely with resident assistants and the resident life coordinators and address any other residential problems.

Tittle is not just a rule enforcer though; he said he wants students to know where his office is (the office of Student Life) and that he is available to help with all problems, at any time.

Ranan Hester, the assistant dean of students for women, said she encourages everyone to come get to know her coworker and even start up a friendship with him.

"He is very open, and he wants and encourages that," Hester said. "And that's why I would encourage kids to come up here for reasons besides discipline. It's nice having someone up here when it's nothing to do with discipline."

Tittle graduated from Harding in 2004 with a degree in youth and family ministry, and completed a master's in ministry in 2006. Tittle went to work for Harding in 2005 as a graduate assistant.

Before becoming assistant dean, Tittle was the associate director for the Mitchell Center in the College of Bible and Ministry. He directed Uplift and spring break mission trips and advised for the leadership and ministry major.

Tittle said his plan of attack for adapting to his new job is to lay low and scope out the way the residence halls are operating before he makes any changes of his own.

"Currently I'm planning on just doing a lot of observation, and doing what's been done in the past, and then as I spend the first year or two observing, then I'll offer suggestions," Tittle said. "I have a lot to learn right now."

Outside of work, Tittle said his favorite activity is having fun with his family. He is married and has two children and one foster child.

"We have movie nights, we like playing outside in the backyard," Tittle said. "We're starting soccer this season, so that will be fun."

The Tittle's favorite family activity is cooking. "We like to cook. My kids like helping us cook," Tittle said. "We like trying new stuff, I like cooking seafood, but we don't do it that often."

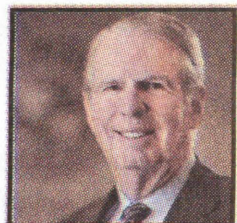
Overall, Tittle said he took the position as assistant dean of students because of the impact Harding has on students.

"(I have seen what Harding) has to offer for young people," Tittle said. "And now I'm going to be a part of that."

PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Benson Auditorium broke into applause on the first day of chapel last week when Dr. Bruce McLarty asked a "freshman with thick frames" to spell the word "camaraderie." While most students already familiar with the unnamed man cheered on, many new students sat quietly, left to wonder who this man is and why he was spelling words in chapel. This "freshman" was Dr. David Burks, Harding's chancellor who, along with Chancellor Emeritus Dr. Clifton Ganus Jr., is one of two former presidents alive today. Both men still work on campus to this day.

DR. DAVID BURKS



When did you first begin at Harding as a student?
"I arrived on campus in 1961, from New Mexico."

What did you do in between your time as a student and when you joined the faculty? "I went to the University of Texas for my MBA, and worked for Exxon for one year before coming on to teach business."

When did you join the faculty? 1967.

What positions have you held with the university?
"Professor of Business, Dean of College of Business, President and Chancellor."

Outside of your positions at Harding, what sorts of hobbies do you enjoy? "I run on a regular basis and I love to read."

Do you have a favorite passage of scripture?
"Philippians 2, about being a servant of Christ and a servant leader. I've probably quoted it more than any other in chapel."

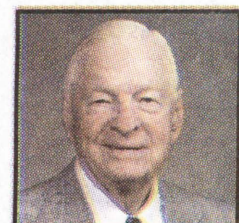
Why did you choose to stay on with Harding for so long? "Because of the people here, the students who come and the energy they bring and the opportunity to make a difference in their lives."

If you could broadly sum up your experience at Harding in a sentence, what would that be? "It has been the experience of being part of the Harding community and being able to see lives changed."

Is there a word or short phrase you would say you are known for saying? "Camaraderie. Camaraderie, which I define as high-spirited fellowship, is part of what Harding is all about."

What advice would you give to an incoming freshman? "Take part in as many activities as you possibly can. Don't limit yourself to what you are already good at, but expand. Have a well-rounded education."

DR. CLIFTON GANUS JR.



When did you first begin Harding as a student?
"September of 1939. I came from New Orleans."

What did you do in between your time as a student and when you joined the faculty? "I preached in Charleston, Miss., for two years, and then received a master degree in history from Tulane University while preaching in southern Mississippi."

When did you join the faculty? 1946.

What positions have you held with the university?
Bible and history professor, Chair of the History Department ('51), Dean of American Studies Program ('52), Harding's first vice president ('56) Harding's third president ('65), Harding's first Chancellor ('87), Chancellor Emeritus (2013).

Outside of your positions at Harding, what sorts of hobbies do you enjoy? "I love sports. Even when I was president I would get out and play rag-tag football games with students. Today, one of my great hobbies is following Harding sports."

Do you have a favorite passage of scripture? "Yes, Romans 12. It is full of admonitions for Christian living and service."

Why did you choose to stay on with Harding for so long? "Because I loved Harding, because of the transformation it brought for me and my family, as well as for thousands of others through the years. It is where I wanted to be, and it still is."

If you could broadly sum up your experience at Harding in a sentence, what would that be? "It has been a very rewarding experience in the sense of seeing the developments and accomplishments of a multitude of people working together for Christ."

Is there a word or short phrase you would say you are known for saying? "All I can say is that we are all sinners, saved by grace, doing the best we can to accomplish what the Lord wants us to do."

What advice would you give to an incoming freshman? "I would suggest that they look at Harding not as a perfect institution, but as an institution where good people with the spirit of Christ are trying to help them to mature and develop..."

STORY BY MATT RYAN

GRAPHIC BY TYLER CARMICAL

New band 'Four West' launches into local music scene

by **Jesse Hixson**
class writer

There are constantly opportunities to hear all genres of music through events like the porch series at Midnight Oil, or the many concerts the Campus Activities Board plans throughout the school-year. Recently, a new band named Four West has made its appearance the university's music scene and made quite the impact.

Last February, junior Austin Lowery asked his friends and fellow students junior Mariah Swisher, junior Adam Dell and senior Sam Morris to get together and play with him at the Catfish Farmers of America Convention. After the success of the convention, the four of them decided they played really well together and proceeded as a group.

"It was so much fun, and our harmonies were so good," Swisher said. "We all just got along really well."

All four of the members are long time musicians on Harding's campus. Swisher and Lowery are members of the campus group For Certain and Dell and Morris are also in the band, Belles and Beaux. Members of Four West said it only made sense for the four to join forces and create something completely new — a mix inspired by

country, southern rock and roots music, they said.

The group decided to call themselves Four West, Swisher said, because there were four members of the band, and their idea was that once they become famous they plan to move out west to a horse ranch in Montana.

After forming Four West, the group decided to stay in Searcy over the summer to work on their music and to play more shows together. This August the band entered the Texaco Country Showdown and were voted as one of the top 10 up and coming country bands within the Little Rock area.

"At first I didn't really wanna stay in Searcy for the whole summer, but I'm really glad I did because it's crazy how much we've accomplished," Swisher said.

Of course, for its members, Four West is not simply a hobby. While all four are still finishing college it is difficult to do much, but ideally the band will become successful enough to make it a career and full-time project for the four hopeful students.

The band seems to show no signs of slowing down now. Swisher said she believed their performance during CAB's "First Week Free" series here on campus was their largest audience they have performed in front of so



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Four West members juniors Adam Dell, Austin Lowery and Mariah Swisher and senior Sam Morris perform on campus Aug. 20 during CAB's "First Week Free."

far and they are excited to continue performing for increasingly larger crowds. They already have a healthy list of shows booked in the Jonesboro and Little Rock area within the next few weeks, with several others also coming up in Searcy as well. Some of these dates include a Sept 1 performance at Juanita's in downtown Little Rock as

well as a performance with Rigoletto at Mt. Zion Rock Climbing on Sept 2.

The band also has plans for an album to be released in the next few weeks, which will include nine original songs. Swisher said they are just waiting to receive the final mixes before moving forward with the next stages for the band.



Cool it with the PDA.
You do not want to be that
couple always smooching.

*Be respectful in chapel.
Some will make you cry like
a baby and touch your soul.*

Pick a devo and stick to
it. It's a great way to get
plugged into the community,
and make some friends.

*Call home.
Your mommy misses you.*

It is OK if you have not
declared a major yet, but
don't wait until your senior
year. Or you'll have
three senior years...

*Get to know the faculty.
They can be cool sometimes.*

*The
Harding Bison's*

FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

2013

*When you go to church,
speak to locals, not just
other students.*

You are allowed to use
the pool located in the
Ganus Athletic Center,
but you can't swim with
the opposite gender.

*Chapel probation is not a joke.
It is real life.*

Harding swings are a death
trap from August through late
September. You will get eaten
alive by bugs and potential
soulmates.

Don't fight it. You
will start drinking coffee.

*Going to Sonic can be
constituted as a date, but
the caf definitely is not.*

Rain gear is a must.
You'll melt without it.

*Maddie's Cafe on the Square.
Super cheap and delicious.
The chocolate gravy with
biscuits is amazing.*

*Wash your sheets at
least once a month.
Your roommate will
thank you.*

Study abroad. You won't
regret it.

*Have a chat with Uncle
Bud. He's a good listener.*

TRIO Student Support
Services, the Center for
Student Success and
the writing lab are
all places that can help
you with schoolwork.

*Sushi Cafe has the
most legit sushi.*

The local Farmers' Market
meets on the square at
7 a.m. – 1 p.m. every
Wednesday and
Saturday until
Sept. 18

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FIRST COMMUNITY BANK IS HAVING AN

Art Contest

PRIZES:

TOP 5 ENTRIES:

\$500 EACH!

5 RUNNERS UP:

\$250 EACH!

SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK & PHOTOS!

First Community Bank will be constructing a new "University Branch" on Beebe Capps Expressway near the entrance to Harding University. We want the branch interior to reflect campus life, Harding University and White County landmarks. So we're asking you to submit artwork and photos for our contest.

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

Submit original artwork (minimum size: 11"x17"). If your artwork is selected, we will return the original after having a reproduction print made. Entries can be dropped off at our Race Street and Beebe Capps branches. Submit digital photos to travis.hon@firstcommunity.net (minimum resolution: 300 dpi; maximum file size: 10 MB). Artwork and/or photos must be submitted by Sept. 16, 2013. Contest limited to Harding University students, alumni, faculty and administration. 10 pieces of artwork will be selected.

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